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Serial No.: 10/530,804 ) Attorney Docket: SEA00820P01510US  
Filing: January 17, 2006 ) Confirmation No. 9341  
For: IMPROVEMENTS TO TWO- ) Group Art Unit: 3728  
PART VESSELS )  
Examiner: Jacob K. Ackun )

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR THE  
FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Enclosed is a First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that includes an attached, revised Form PTO/SB/08A which merely adds publication dates and patentee/applicant names for the non-U.S. patent documents that were previously submitted with the initial Information Disclosure Statement and previously listed on the Form PTO/SB/0A attached to the initial Information Disclosure Statement.

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Favorable action on the merits of the application is earnestly solicited.


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The Patent and Trademark Office Examiner is requested to review the art and determine the extent of the materiality of the disclosures thereof with respect to the patentability of the subject invention. It is expected that the Patent and Trademark Office Examiner will independently conduct a complete search for relevant prior art.

No inference should be drawn and no representation is made or intended: (a) that a search has been made, or if made, was complete; (b) that the art on the attached list presents a comprehensive investigation of the prior art; or (c) that no more pertinent art than that listed is in existence. [See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g)]


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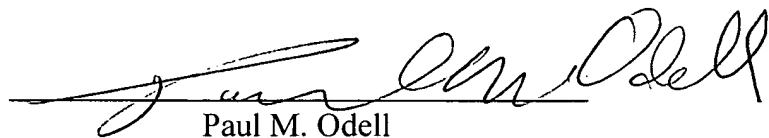
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Enclosed is a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including copies of the listed references, for filing in the above-identified patent application.

The Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), but before the mailing date of any of the following:

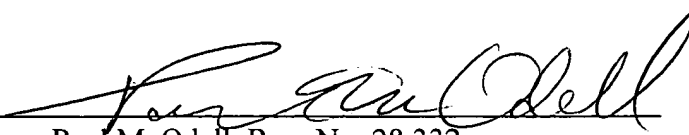
- (1) a Final Action under §1.113,
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Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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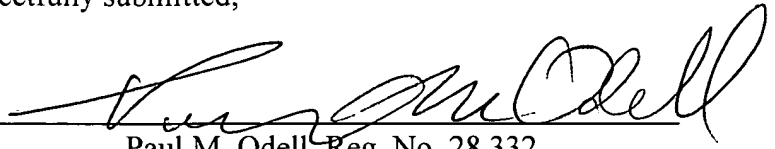
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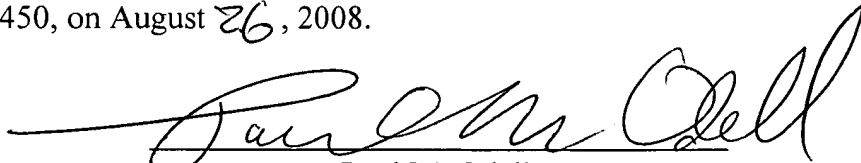
  
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